

REMARKS

The present Amendment is submitted after receipt of the Notice of Allowance and is in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312. It is submitted that entry of this amendment is clearly warranted under the present circumstances for the following reasons.

This amendment is presented to cancel allowed claims 51, 55 and 57, leaving only allowed claims 44, 48 and 50. Consideration and entry of this amendment will not require any substantial amount of additional work on the part of the PTO.

As such, it is submitted that entry of the present amendment is warranted, and such entry hereby is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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